

Gainesville Monthly Meeting  
of the Religious Society of Friends  
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business  
Minutes May 13, 2007

Jean Larson, clerk  
Betty Odum, recording clerk  
12 present  
The Query for 5th month was read by Gary Arthur

Minutes were accepted.

It was decided to have a copy of each month's Minutes, treasurer's report and committee reports in the library file cabinet, for easy reference. We will keep a year's worth there. These documents will also be on the website.

The agenda and calendar were reviewed.

Laura and Jim Winefordner offer a Flagler beach day on June 16. Please let Laura know if you are coming. Bring food to share.

Treasurer's report.

Laura Winefordner reported \$18,099.21 in the general fund and \$9,785.91 in the building (mortgage) fund at the beginning of May. There was a \$500 donation added so she paid \$2500 on the mortgage. Included in the general fund is the film group's amount of \$231.50. The last month's income and outgo are about balanced.

Bell South phone company gave us an offer: if we sign up for 3 years we get a 15% discount. We approved.

**07-05-48 GMM approves making a 3-year commitment to Bell South for telephone service for a 15% reduction in cost.**

Budget: Laura presented the proposed budget. The budget was approved after much discussion including uneasiness about expenses, where we could cut, and how much we pay SEYM.

**07-05-49 GMM approves the budget as presented by the treasurer.**

FWCC report: Sibyl Brennan gave a report on the Friends World Committee for Consultation annual meeting in Providence RI. in March - with snow. Ellie Caldwell from SEYM was also there. A regional yearly meeting of 6 yearly meetings will be held in Jamaica. Sybil stressed that it is important for members of our Meeting to feel a part of national and international Quaker organizations.

Southeastern Yearly Meeting (SEYM) report. Laura Winefordner, Sibyl Brennan and Connie Ray were at the gathering as our representatives. It was the 45<sup>th</sup> year with an attendance of 162 including many children. There were many good discussions and activities, but the most outstanding was the 9 ½ hours spent on the Minute concerning SEYM's affiliation with Friends United Meeting. The Minute is on the web. Essentially it says that we will suspend our membership for two years. If SEYM cannot agree to stay in FUM at the end of the two years, we will withdraw.

FWCC has chosen a day in Sept to hold a Middle East vigil.

The inter-visitation committee is encouraging members to visit other meetings. Two people would go together. Anyone who would like to visit should write a paragraph about what they're able to do.

The nominating committee is proposing that Monthly Meeting clerks are automatically members of the SEYM executive committee. They also propose that local clerks of Peace and Social Concerns, Quaker Earthcare Witness, and Ministry and Nurture be automatically members of those yearly meeting committees. We feel this might it more difficult to nominate clerks.

Another proposed minute is to make Quaker Earthcare Witness a permanent committee of SEYM. These minutes are coming up at representative meeting here in June.

Odalis Manduley would like to be Friendly adult presence at the Young Friends next year.

The corresponding clerk will write Gary Arthur a thank you for helping with the FUM committee.

Landscape committee. Last month Brad Thompson presented the Friends Landscape Principles which are important to for reference when questions come up. The monthly meeting approves the principles.

Grounds Committee. Dick Beardsley is organizing lawn mowing. We appreciate the benches erected by Bud Brennan.

Nominating Committee report: Sibyl Brennan, Annie McPherson and Walter Morris are the members of the committee. The committee asked that Jim Morrison be clerk of Peace and Social Concerns, as an exception to the practice of not having a committee clerk a non-member. This was approved. The report (attached) is not complete since several people have not been asked. The committee created new pastoral care sub-committee. The nominations will be completed next month.

Peace and Social Concerns committee: Jim Morrison, clerk, reported that some people trying to choose the Conscientious Objector option for military service have been turned down. Jim has written FCNL asking them if they can pressure Congress to ensure the rights of applicants.

A successful forum on universal health care was led by Dr. Chad Hood.

The letter-writing project is doing well.

We have been asked to join the Action Network which is trying to lower energy bills and other services for the poor. We do not feel that we can pay their expected monthly contribution.

Quaker Earth Care Witness committee reported on the demonstration of solar water heating and the forum next month on composting.

Meeting House committee. A workshop was held on repairing irrigation system. Requests for use of meeting house were approved and brought to business meeting.

**07-05 48 Gainesville Monthly Meeting approves the use of the meeting house by the non-violent communication practice group, under the care of Jeannie Buskirk.**

Jeannie will write up a description of the group for the newsletter.

**07-05 48 Gainesville Monthly Meeting approves the use of the meeting house for a Meeting for Healing with a concern for Joan Stevens on Wed. May 16, under the care of Jeannie Buskirk**

Hospitality committee The committee wants to emphasize that they are an information and resource group, not just for serving.

SEYM executive committee is meeting here on June 2. Help has already been assigned, but there is a need for additional fruit, muffins, and juices.

A committee wish list for kitchen items is in newsletter and a sign-up board is posted in the kitchen.

The committee is seeking 5 people to sign up people to be in charge of coffee and snacks. A preliminary financial report from the Chinese Auction Dinner for Pro Nica and the Quatemalan scholarship is \$454.50 plus some debt and the Quaker dollars.

Religious Education committee: Connie Ray answers “yes” to the 5<sup>th</sup> query on religious education.

She reported on a possible shed to be put in back of the meeting house. This report goes to the Meeting House committee.

Ministry and Nurture committee. Plans are being made for Friends to travel to other meetings to share information, give forums, and for ministry and fellowship.

Walter Morris is working on a mission statement.

Annie McPherson will write an article for the newsletter about what the committee does. It gives continued enthusiastic support of Outdoor Worship. There is a problem of time conflicts with committee meetings. Heather Fara and Jen Cotter are managers, and someone from the committee attends.

**07-05 49 Gainesville Monthly Meeting allows the serving of beer and wine at meals approved by the hospitality committee.**

To shorten business meetings, it was recommended that committee reports be written and given to the recording clerk. A summary is presented in the business meeting.

The meeting closed with silence.

**GAINESVILLE FRIENDS MEETING**  
***NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT***  
**Proposed 07-08**

**Officers**

**Clerk:** Jean Larson  
**Assistant Clerk:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Recording Clerk:** Betty Odum  
**Treasurer:** Bill Mitchell  
**Corresponding Clerk:** Sybil Brennan  
**Membership Recorder:** Annie McPherson

**Committees**

**Ministry and Nurture:** Clerk – Connie Ray, Karen Porter, Walter Morris, Arnold von der Porten, Annie McPherson  
**Pastoral Care sub-committee:** Sybil Brennan, David Chalmers, Arnold von der Porten, Morrie Trimmer  
**Newsletter and Website:** Editor – Catherine Puckett, Asst. Editor – \_\_\_\_\_, John Burton,  
Distribution - Annie McPherson, Web Site - Bill Mitchell  
**Peace and Social Concerns:** Clerk – Jim Morrison, Dick Beardsley, Gene Beardsley, Mona Morris, Walter Morris, Tim Fogarty, Hap Taylor  
**Quaker Earthcare Witness:** Clerk - Dick Beardsley, Arlene Epperson, Walter Morris, Gene Beardsley, Karen Arrington, Hap Taylor, Jen Cotter  
**Meeting House:** Clerk – Walter Morris Asst Clerk - \_\_\_\_\_ Dick Beardsley, Bud Brennan, Morrie Trimmer, Laura Winefordner  
**Grounds:** Clerk - \_\_\_\_\_ Phil Buskirk, Bud Brennan, Brad Thompson, Bill Mitchell  
**Hospitality:** Clerk - Mona Morris Asst Clerk - \_\_\_\_\_, Sybil Brennan, Karen Arrington, Jean Burton,  
**Religious Education:** Clerk – Laura Winefordner, Karen Kilgore, Catherine Puckett, Odalis Manduley  
**Bible Study:** Ellie & Larry Clayton, Mona Morris  
**Forum Coordinator:** Tim Fogerty  
**Library:** Clerk - Betty Odum, Gene Beardsley, Arlene Epperson, Jean Burton  
**Finance & Budget:** Clerk – Morrie Trimmer (Auditor), Treasurer, Fundraising Com. Rep, M&N Rep  
**Fundraising Committee:** Clerk – Walter Morris Asst Clerk - \_\_\_\_\_, , Mona Morris

**Ad Hoc:**

**School Committee:** Clerk - \_\_\_\_\_, Laura Winefordner, Karen Kilgore, Jeannie Buskirk,  
Marylynn Hall, Jean Larson  
**Worship Sharing After Meeting:** Dick Beardsley, Sybil Brennan

### **Representatives**

**SEYM:** Sybil Brennan, Connie Ray

**FGC:** Gene Beardsley

**Campus Ministry:** Clerk or Clerk of M&N